

**FAIRFAX COUNTY ATHLETIC COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

October 19, 2005

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Joseph Jozefczyk, Braddock District  
Michael Champness, Dranesville District  
Harold Leff, Hunter Mill District  
Wesley "Mike" Viilo, Mt. Vernon District  
Stephen McLaughlin, Providence District  
Roger Sims, Springfield District  
David Lacey, Sully District  
Jeffrey E. Stein, Town of Clifton  
Jerry Carter, Town of Herndon  
Sam Althoff, Town of Vienna  
William Pruiett, Alternate, Fairfax County Girls' Fast Pitch Softball  
Sharon Sealock, Alternate, Fairfax County Adult Softball Council  
Mark Meana, Fairfax County Football Board of Commissioners  
Bill Harvey, Fairfax County Lacrosse Council  
Ralph Wills, Fairfax County Soccer Advisory Council  
Tricia Johnson, Fairfax County Volleyball Council  
William J. Stephens, Fairfax County Women's Sports Programs

**COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES:**

Timothy White, Fairfax County Park Authority  
Paul Jansen, Fairfax County School Board  
Christopher A. Leonard, Department of Community and Recreation Services  
Karen Avvisato, Department of Community and Recreation Services  
Jesse Ellis, Department of Community and Recreation Services  
Ashlee Currie, Department of Community and Recreation Services

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Lula Bauer, Lee District  
Barbara R. Lowrey, Mason District  
Elizabeth T. Bradsher, Member-At-Large  
J. Marcelo Gangotena, Diversity-At-Large  
Rob Hahne, Fairfax County Baseball Council  
Robert L. Panek, Fairfax County Girls Fast Pitch Softball  
Carl Coan, Fairfax County Adult Softball Council  
Tom Moore, Fairfax County Youth Basketball Council

**Meeting Opening** – Mr. McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Mr. Leff called the roll. A quorum was present.

**Citizens to Address Council** - None

**Chairman's Items** – Mr. McLaughlin said he had a report from the Laurel Hill Sports Complex Group for development of facilities at Laurel Hill. He told the Council that the committee will present its findings at the next meeting.

**Presentations to the Council** - Mr. Ellis said that staff is finishing up the details for artificial turf fields. A notice will be sent out shortly to community athletic organizations outlining the program and the submission deadlines.

### **Matters of Interest from Governing Bodies**

Information – Fairfax County Park Authority: Nothing to Report

Information – Fairfax County School Board: Paul Jansen, FCPS – Nothing

Information – Community and Recreation Services: Mr. Leonard reminded members that applications for the Positive Coaching Alliance are due by this Friday.

**Administrative Items** - On motion, the September 21, 2005, minutes were approved.

### **Old Business**

Field Study – Mr. Leonard asked the Council for guidance on CRS' response to the Board of Supervisors' inquiry as to the possibility of replicating in other districts the type of work performed by the Dranesville District Field Study. Specific focus of the discussion was on the value of such a study, the process for putting it together, what level of support is expected from the Council and CRS staff, and the time necessary to complete such a report. Mr. Sims reminded the Council that the Park Authority had already completed an extensive needs assessment. Mr. Leff said he believed the report centered more on an inventory of property and potential property that could be used for athletic facilities as opposed to a needs assessment. Discussion continued on the amount of work that went into doing the Dranesville report and how much time would be tied up by staff to do research for eight more reports.

Mr. Leonard stated that CRS will put together a response to the Board of Supervisors that will capture the discussion points from tonight's meeting.

Mr. McLaughlin said that he and Mr. Meana were on a committee to look into a study for the Providence District.

Mr. Champness told the Council how their district committee put the Dranesville report together. He stated that there were no outside consultants involved, and that they focused on large acreage plots for rectangular fields. They also looked at existing fields to light or replace with artificial turf. Then they looked at the cost for new fields versus upgrading old fields and the amount of play that would be available with the upgrades. He said it took 18 months for this study.

### **New Business**

Sports Forum - Ms. Avvisato asked the Council if they thought the Sports Forum was still needed. There were several comments that the Sports Forum was good in the beginning, but lately it had no draw. It seems that it is no longer needed. However, there still was some interest in continuing the "Champions of Character Awards" and some other aspects that should continue. Mr. McLaughlin will set up a committee to determine what to do with the "Champions of Character Awards."

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Tryouts for Teams - Ms. Johnson asked the Council what the other sports organizations did about tryouts for teams while players were participating in high school sports. There was some discussion on this, but nothing was decided.

### **Adjournment**

On motion from Mr. Harvey, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harold Leff  
Secretary